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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
COMMUNICATING SIMULATION  
SOLUTIONS BETWEEN CIRCUIT  
COMPONENTS IN A HIERARCHICAL DATA  
STRUCTURE

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Examiner: A. Pierre-Louis

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated July 30, 2007 (Paper No. 20070715), for which a response is due on October 30, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two months extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to December 30, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**List of pending claims** are shown on page **2** of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page **13** of this paper.